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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 295,000 head as of October 1, 2018, no change from last month, but 19 percent above the October 1, 2017 inventory. The inventory included 288,000 steers and steer calves, 20 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 7,000 head, are the same as a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 23,000 head of fed cattle during September 2018, up 5 percent from the previous month and up 53 percent from the September 2017 marketings. An estimated 24,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2018, up 20 percent from last month and also 20 percent above the September 2017 placements of 20,000 head. Other disappearance for September 2018, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on October 1, 2018. The inventory was 5 percent above October 1, 2017. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.31 million head, up 11 percent from 2017. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.05 million head, 5 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 430,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 466,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 280,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 120,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.72 million head, 4 percent below 2017. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 2 percent below 2017.

For a full copy of the October 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).